

BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board shall acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100</p> <p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102, 127</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.</p> <p>The Board shall include the district's graduation requirements in the Strategic Plan</p> <p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board</p> <p>The Board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when s/he completes his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP).</p> <p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending the district's cyber school online, either part-time or full-time.</p> <p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of required assessments, work, and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which shall be aligned with established state academic and common core standards.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p>	<p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-seven (27) credits and successfully completed a Graduation Project.</p> <p>The fourth year of high school shall not be required for graduation if a student has completed all requirements for graduation and attends a postsecondary institution as a full-time student.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 11.5, 11.8</p>	<p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p> <p>The school district recognizes that Bermudian Springs High School can not offer all courses that may address the needs and interests of students. Therefore, the district will permit students to take courses offered by other educational institutions provided the student agrees to all criteria below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grade from a course taken off-campus will not count toward grade point average or class rank. The course completion will be acknowledged on the student's transcript. 2. Post-secondary three (3) credit courses will count as one (1) high school credit. High school courses will receive credit based on equivalency with Bermudian Springs High School courses. 3. Courses may be traditional or on-line courses provided all other specifications are followed. 4. All post-secondary courses must be taken from accredited institutions and must be pre-approved by the high school principal to be considered for high school credit. 5. All secondary institutions offering courses must be first reviewed by the High School Principal and approved by the Superintendent. Courses from approved institutions to be considered for high school credit must be pre-approved by the high school principal. 6. Approved courses will be applied to graduation requirements provided they are completed with a grade of C- or better. 7. A maximum of two (2) high school credits from outside institutions will be accepted toward graduation requirements per school year. 8. All expenses for tuition and fees as well as transportation to and from the course location are the responsibility of the student. 9. Courses will be approved only for electives that are not offered at Bermudian Springs High School. A student may not substitute off-campus courses for required courses.
<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216</p>	<p>Accurate recording of each student's achievement of established state academic and common core standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p>

<p>Pol. 212</p>	<p>A minimum number of periods of study in credit-bearing courses shall be required of each student at each grade level to ensure a balanced class load in earning the twenty-seven (27) credits that are required of every graduating student.</p> <p>Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements students are required to complete.</p> <p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p>
<p>SC 1613</p>	<p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas for Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>In order to honor and recognize honorably discharged eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.</p> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are eligible for a high school diploma.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.24, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27</p> <p>Board Policy – 100, 102, 213, 216, 233</p>